



## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323; NRC-2021-0078]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a one-time exemption in response to a February 4, 2021, request from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) for an exemption from the operator requalification program requirements at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Diablo Canyon), to minimize potential operator distractions during plant startup. The exemption affords a one-month extension of the 2-year program requalification and 1-year operator exam requirements, until June 30, 2021. The NRC staff made the required findings that the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on April 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2021-0078** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0078**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; e-mail: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Introduction**

The NRC approved the one-time exemption from certain requirements of Part 55 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Operators’ Licenses,” for Diablo Canyon. This action was in response to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (the licensee’s) application dated February 4, 2021, which requested a one-time exemption for Diablo Canyon from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59, “Requalification,” program to minimize potential operator distractions during plant startup. The exemption affords a one-month extension of the 2-year program requalification and 1-year operator exam requirements, until June 30, 2021. The NRC staff made the findings required in 10 CFR 55.11, “Specific exemptions,” that the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest.

### **II. Availability of Documents**

The table in this notice provides the facility name, docket number, document description, and ADAMS accession number for the exemption issued. Additional details

on the exemption issued, including the exemption request submitted by the licensee and the NRC's decision, are provided in the exemption approval listed in the table in this notice. For additional directions on accessing information in ADAMS, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

**Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2**

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<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ADAMS ACCESSION NO.</b>
Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Request for One-Time Exemption from Select 10 CFR 55.59 Requirements	ML21049A050
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 – Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators' Licenses" (EPID L-2021-LLE-0007)	ML21067A058

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